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Serial No. : 09/303,216
Filed : April 30, 1999
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OR FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A
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Small Entity*

New York, New York
March 22, 2000

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Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith a Request Under
37 C.F.R. § 1.27 for Small Entity Status and Request for
Refund Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a); Verified Statement
Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and §
1.27; Exhibit A (copy of January 24, 2000 Corrected Filing
Receipt; and Exhibit B (copy of December 12, 1999 Corrected
Filing Receipt).

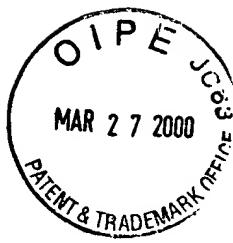
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge
any additional fees that may be due, or credit any

overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) FOR REFUND

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, applicants respectfully request Small Entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees in the above-identified patent application. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is attached hereto. Assignment of the above-identified application to assignee was recorded on September 22, 1999 under Reel No. 010254, Frame No. 0389.

This Request is being filed within two months of applicants being notified of the payment of the full fee. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants

respectfully request a refund of one-half of the filing fees paid as other than a small entity.

Applicants were notified of the payment of the full fee in a Corrected Filing Receipt, dated January 24, 2000 (copy enclosed herewith in Exhibit A).* This Corrected Filing Receipt stated that a filing fee of \$2,242.00 had been received. Applicants filed this application without a filing fee. Furthermore, in the Transmittal Letter filed with this application, applicants did not authorize a filing fee to be deducted from their representative's account. Rather, the Transmittal Letter stated that applicants would pay the filing fee with a response to a Notice To File Missing Parts. Applicants were therefore not aware that they had paid the full filing fees as other than a small entity until receipt of the January 24, 2000 Corrected Filing Receipt.

Applicants believe that the amount of the refund will be \$1,121. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit the

* Applicants also received a Corrected Filing Receipt, dated December 2, 1999 (copy enclosed herewith) in Exhibit B, stating that no filing fee had been received.

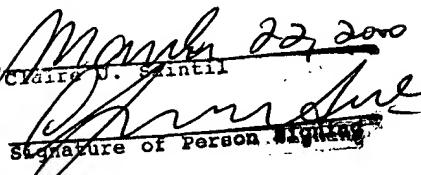
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